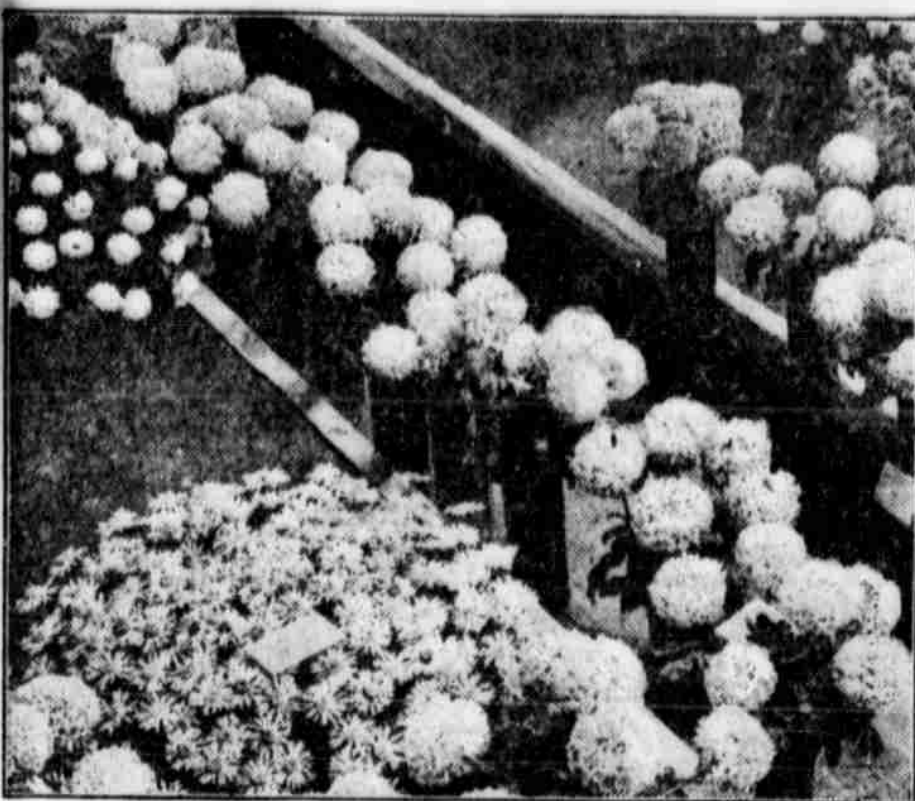


The HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubby

Their Care and Cultivation



Asters Suffer From Black Beetle.

SEASONABLE SUGGESTIONS

By E. B. REXFORD.

Keep watch of your asters, for "in such an hour as you know not" the maggot may attack them. It is better, however, to act on the belief that this enemy is sure to come, and take measures to head him off.

Work wood ashes into the soil about the plants, and remove a little soil immediately about the base of each plant and scatter tobacco dust there liberally. This will not injure the plant, but it may discourage the pest in its effort to get at the stalk of it. Of late, many collections of asters have been ruined by this grub.

The plant will look perfectly healthy today; tomorrow it will have a withered appearance and the next day it will be yellow, and if you take hold of its top and give a slight pull, off it will come close to the ground.

Examination will show that it has been eaten into at that point. Wood ashes are the best preventive of its attacks of anything I have used, and I

would change the location of the bed yearly.

Another aster trouble to guard against the black beetle. This pest comes suddenly, does its ruinous work rapidly, and often injures your plants beyond the prospect of recovery before you are aware of its arrival. Here is where the necessity of keeping watch of them comes in.

When the first beetle is discovered prepare an emulsion after the following formula: One-half pound of any good, white soap, reduced to a liquid by melting.

One teaspoonful of kerosene. Let the soap, to which a little water may be added while it is melting, come to a boil, then add the kerosene; remove from the stove and stir vigorously while the mixture is cooling. A sort of jelly will result. Use a part of this to ten parts of water. Stir well to make sure that the emulsion unites with the water and apply as a spray.

Use it liberally all over the plant, and repeat the application frequently. Prompt and persistent efforts are needed to rout this voracious enemy.

NEW HYBRID CARNATIONS

By L. M. BENNINGTON.

Thanks to the skill of the hybridist, we now have races of lovely, fragrant, ever-blooming carnations, dwarf and bushy in growth, that show buds and flowers in four or five months after the seeds are sown.

The flowers, too, are not only borne in abundance, but are of all the leading shades of color, from white through shades of pink to dark crimson, and from cream to bright yellow, as well as striped and blotched.

These new carnations are as easily grown as Japan pinks. The seeds may be sown in a box in the window during March or April, and the plants set out where they are to bloom when the weather becomes warm and settled.

Give them a sunny bed, and if you wish a fine show of flowers from each plant, pinch off the first stem that pushes up to bloom. This will cause the plant to stool out, and develop several stalks, each of which will bear a cluster of buds and flowers.

A rich, rather tenacious soil suits the plants, and they should stand eight inches apart in the row or bed.

For winter blooming sow the seeds in May or June and grow in pots, shift-

FLOWER LIST FOR AMATEUR

By L. R. O'BRIEN.

Among the most desirable plants for the amateur I would place the sweet pea first.

This flower has great value both for garden decoration and also for



Snapdragon One of the Old-Fashioned Favorites.

cutting. If care is taken not to allow it to develop seed, it will blossom during the entire season.

Plant at least three inches deep and as early as possible. Be sure and give a support of brush or of wire netting. The brush is preferable.

Among the old standbys is the petunia, which begins to bloom in June and keeps on blooming until frost. The flowers are showy and easily grown.

Phlox drummondii and the verbenas are both profuse bloomers with a wide range of color and no garden should be without them.

Nasturtium, callopis, the poppy and marigold are old tried and true favorites and should not be overlooked.

The most fragrant of flowers, the mignonette, the pansy, the ten week stock, the aster and the snapdragon should all find a place in the garden, however small it may be. A corner of bachelor's button, the ragged robin, requires little care and makes a glorious splash of color.

These are all old favorites, all are good, easily grown, and all are kinds that the beginner in gardening will soon get on friendly terms with.

When the lilacs have finished blooming, all the seed clusters should be cut away.



A Fine Example of New Striped Carnation.

ing into larger pots as the plants develop.

The seedlings are rarely troubled with rust, which is the bane of the florist's plants, grown from cuttings. The seeds mostly germinate in from five to seven days.

MULCH YOUR PLANTS

If the season is warm, and the soil seems likely to dry out rapidly, water your plants well, and mulch about them with road dust. This will prevent the rapid evaporation of moisture from about the roots of the plants. Larger plants can be mulched with grass clippings from the lawn.

DESERT AUTO IS NO CAMEL

These Men Forget to Provide Water for Their Desert Ride and One Dies.

Failure to think about evaporation in an automobile radiator brought death to one man and frightful tortures to two others, who arrived in Los Angeles from the desert and told of their sufferings. The trio—James S. Roche and John H. Welsh, attorneys, and James G. Clarke, a real estate dealer—left here Sunday in an automobile for El Centro, in the Imperial valley.

Monday morning the car stopped in the sand. The radiator was empty and they had no water. Roche and Welsh started after a mirage which they believed was the Salton sea. Clarke waited a day, and then, believing them dead, made his way to Mineral Springs, where he was resuscitated after falling himself in a faint and organized a rescue party. They found Roche unconscious and Welsh dead. Roche said they drank lubricating oil. —Philadelphia Record.

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Family occasions ought to be celebrated frequently, even if the celebration is the simplest form of little festival. Bringing the family together helps to promote affection. Whatever the event, birthday or wedding anniversary or a welcome home from a journey, it ought to mean something to every member of the family, and can be made an occasion that will remain bright in memory when the family circle is broken.

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"Don't you think women ought to vote?" asked Mr. Meekton's wife. "Well, Henrietta, there's no doubt in my mind that you ought to vote. But if your opinion of some of the other women is correct, I don't see why you should want to intrust them with such a responsibility."

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Good!

In that new banana which Burbank has evolved the skiddy skin is omitted. This may be a gain for the banana and the public, but it's a painful loss for the professional funmaker. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

These United States.

The United States has 3,000,000 square miles of territory, 1,203,000,000 acres of land. There are 878,000,000 acres of land in the farms of the country, but 478,000,000 acres of this area are unimproved and unproductive.

Baby's Eyes.

Do sound a warning to mothers about letting tiny babies lie flat, gazing straight at the sky. Unless a baby is sitting up in its carriage, the top should always be over its face.

Safest Marriages.

The safest marriages are declared by a statistician to be those contracted with men under twenty-four or more than thirty-four years of age.

Probable.

"Pa, who started the saying that a man's wife is his better half?" "Some man's wife, I reckon."

Kind acts are never stepping stones to misfortune.

Some Jealous.

Patience—Is she jealous of her husband? Patrice—Is she? Say, she's jealous if he finds a hair in the butter that isn't hers!

The fallbird may be deserving of sympathy, but seldom merits glorification.

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